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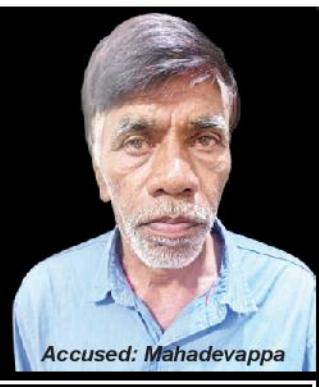
Man tries to... frame Leopard for... Murder!


Accused: Mahadevappa

Killer misleads the Police by creating pug marks

Nanjangud / Malkundi, May 31 (CM&KS)- In a chilling case of murder for gain, a man allegedly killed a 63-year-old woman for her gold jewellery and then staged the crime scene to resemble a leopard attack.

Shivarudramma
Victim

Nanjangud Rural Police have arrested Mahadevappa of Kasuvinahalli village on charges of murdering Shivarudramma and dumping her body in a soak pit before creating fake pug marks to pass off the crime as a leopard attack and mislead investigators.

Police said the accused planned the murder and fabricated evidence to exploit the fear of leopard movement in the area and divert suspicion from himself.

According to the Police, Shivarudramma had gone missing about four days ago after leaving her house. Her husband, Guruswamappa, subsequently lodged a missing persons complaint at the Nanjangud Rural Police Station.

Body retrieved

Treating the case seriously, the Police launched a search operation. During the investigation, they found the partially buried body of a woman inside a soak pit in an agricultural field. The body had been covered with mud and stones. After recovering the body, the Police confirmed the identity of the deceased as Shivarudramma.

Investigations revealed that Shivarudramma had been wearing gold ornaments weighing about 70 grams when she left home. Police said she had gone to the Mahalingeswara Swamy Temple on the outskirts of the village to pluck *bilva patre* leaves for puja.

Offer to help

While plucking leaves near the temple, she noticed Mahadevappa working in a nearby agricultural field and sought his help. As he assisted her, he noticed the gold jewellery she was wearing.

Police said Mahadevappa then offered to help her collect sandalwood leaves, which are also used for temple rituals, and led her to the agricultural field where he was working, claiming there was a sandalwood tree there.

When they reached the area near the sandalwood tree, Mahadevappa allegedly pushed Shivarudramma into a nearby soak pit, assaulted her and murdered her. He then removed the gold ornaments she was wearing and partially concealed the body with mud and stones, investigators said.

Fake leopard attack angle

In an attempt to divert suspicion, Mahadevappa took Shivarudramma's slippers and handbag and threw them into her agricultural field.

(See MURDER on page 7)

Rs. 209 cr. unpaid water bills in city

- Govt. Departments owe Rs. 41 crore
- Railways, Police among major defaulters

Mysuru, May 31 (GA&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) water supply wing, Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), is grappling with mounting financial strain as unpaid water bills have accumulated to a staggering Rs. 209.17 crore, till April 2026. Official data shows that State and Central Government departments, commercial establishments, households and industries together owe the civic body the massive amount.

Despite monthly billing, dues have remained unpaid for years, affecting VVWW's revenue and its ability to maintain water infrastructure. Among Government agencies, the Railways, Police Department, Education Department and Health Department are among the biggest defaulters.

VVWW officials told *Star of Mysore* that Govt. Departments often overlook the fact that ensuring an uninterrupted water supply requires substantial expenditure and collective responsibility.

(See WATER BILLS on page 6)

MCC To Pay... MCC!

Ironically, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) itself figures among the water bill defaulters, with pending dues of Rs. 5,25,384 payable to its own water supply wing, Vani Vilas Water Works. Its failure to clear dues owed to its own department raises questions about how effectively the civic body can enforce recovery of outstanding payments from other defaulters.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 31st May 2026

Bags Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Award

Mysuru, May 31- In recognition of her contributions to public health, Poornima Jayakrishna, Chief Administrative Officer at Public Health Research Institute of India (PHRII), a city-based Charitable Trust dedicated to advancing women's health through evidence-based research, advocacy, training and healthcare access initiatives, was presented with '*Bharat Ratna* Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Award' by Universal Brotherhood, a Social and Educational Charitable Trust,during the Sarva Dharma Sammelana held in Bengaluru recently.

Poornima Jayakrishna

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

KRISHNA'S FAVOURITE PLACES: ***Going on holy pilgrimage is an ancient practice that has never lost its relevance in contemporary times. During His avatar as Krishna, He sported on every inch of land in Mathura, Gokulam and Brindavan, which came to be known as*** *leelasthalams* ***and devotees throng those places. It is even more efficacious when they listen to Bhagavata Sapthaham, (discourses on Srimad Bhagavatam for seven days), said Damodhara Deekshithar.***

The ancient namavali, *Yamuna teera vihara, Brindavana sanchari, Govardhana giridhari, Gopala Krishna Murari,* ***is a time-tested salutation: Victory to the Lord who wanders on the banks of the Yamuna and roams in the Brindavan. He is the one who lifted the Govardhan hill; the protector of cows and the destroyer of demons. The namavali is a reference to His favourite places, visiting which will invite divine grace. It is not uncommon to come across devotees who stay in Brindavan for long stretches of time, observing fast,*** *mouna vrat* ***and singing bhajans, daily. Scriptures say Brindavan is close to His heart, that He never left it and His presence can be felt there even today.*** *Brindavanathil oru piravi vendum,* ***is a famous Tamil saying, paying rich tribute to this aura.***

It is recommended that *yatris* ***(pilgrims) visit Pushkar (Bhagawan is in the form of water here) and spend a few days in Mathura: it is said Krishna's tiny feet touched every square inch of 120 sq km of this town when He lived and herded cows from morning till evening. A subsequent visit to Dwaraka, where Krishna lived with Rukmini after accepting her surrender to Him, is the cornerstone of this bhakti yatra.*** *—In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man with 3-inch-thick palms

Beijing: Zhang Longxiang-53, has been obsessed with kung-fu ever since he was a young boy and after 20 years of hard work, he became a master of the ancient art and had the thick hands to prove it.

Iron Sand Palm is a famous Shaolin conditioning method that combines hard qigong with physical striking of various abrasive mediums to increase bone density, tendon strength, pain tolerance and striking power. A side-effect sustained while training is the visible thickening of the hands.

During his training, Zhang patted, struck and chopped at sandbags with steel balls, while simultaneously applying medicinal wine given by his master.

Internet shocked over 'feet juice'

California: Anime conventions can get pretty wild, but when's the last time you attended an event where cosplay models were selling actual "foot juice", as in fruit juice from plastic buckets in which they had dipped their feet? Despite the product's unconventional nature, the $10-15 price tag wasn't enough to deter potential clients, and according to multiple reports, the foot juice sold out in less than an hour.

The foot juice stands were not officially a part of this year's Fanime Con, but of an outdoor event known as Parkon.

Photos and videos show girls in cosplay holding up signs with foot juice offers while having their naked feet dipped in juice, and some even offering to let customers drink the juice dripping directly from their wet feet.

Feet juice was the main attraction this year with many calling the stunt the lowest form of marketing. That is tech incorrect considering how fast the beverage reportedly sold out.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Glass Skin is More Than a Trend

Healthy skin comes from hydration, sunscreen, sleep, and the right skincare routine — not just filters and makeup.

By Dr. Shivani - Consultant – Cosmetic Dermatology
Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

****Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Interactive Session on New Income Tax Act and Real Estate on June 8

Mysuru, May 31- Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI), Mysuru and Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, in association with the Income Tax Department, will be organising a presentation and interactive session on 'Assessment Issues Related to Real Estate Builders & Developers under the New Income Tax Act, 2025' at Mysore Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT) Auditorium in Vishweshwaranagar here on June 8 at 5 pm.

This session aims to provide comprehensive insights into key assessment-related provisions, practical implications and the complex compliance aspects affecting the Real Estate sector under the newly updated tax framework.

Kalpalata Rajan, Additional Commissioner of Income Tax, Range-1, Mysuru and S. Venkatesan, Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax, Circle-1(1), Mysuru, will be present as the guest officers to guide the attendees and lead the interactive session.

In an effort to facilitate a holistic and enriching discussion, the organisers have extended a special invitation to the Auditors Association, Chartered Accountants (CA) Association, Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (ACCE), Civil Engineers Association, Contractors Association, Architects Association, Valuers Association, NAREDCO, Developers Association and the Bar Association.

CREDAI Mysuru President Harish Shenoy, Secretary Nagaraj Bairy, BAI Mysore Centre Chairman Prabhakar Rao and Secretary Praveen Pal have requested all concerned professionals to attend the session.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **81.30 feet**	Today's level **2,252.11 feet**	Today's level **2,823.36 feet**
Last year's level **102.00 feet**	Last year's level **2,279.60 feet**	Last year's level **2,848.67 feet**
Yesterday's level **81.28 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,252.29 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,823.37 feet**
Today's Inflow **655 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **72 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **203 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **436 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **600 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Foxes can make over 40 different vocalisations: To put it into perspective, humans have 3 and 1/3 octaves. Foxes have five octaves that allow them to produce 40 different vocalisations.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Student: *"Teacher, can you help me with my science project?"*
Teacher: *"Of course, what's your project about?"*
Student: *"The lack of enthusiasm among students during science class."*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 95.01**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 127.81**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 25.87**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 110.79**

VOICE OF THE READER

Preservation of history against the sanctity of human life

Sir,

The collapse of a 'chajja' on the busy Sayyaji Rao Road a few months ago was a stark reminder that Mysuru's heritage structures are no longer just cultural assets as many are fast becoming a threat to human life.

The time for sentimental preservation alone has passed. What is needed now is a practical and urgent rethink of how administrative authorities manage ageing heritage buildings before a larger tragedy unfolds.

Today, Mysuru finds itself in a worrying situation. On one hand, several old structures are proudly labelled as 'heritage buildings.' On the other, many of them are slowly deteriorating because the system meant to protect them often moves too slowly and lacks adequate support.

There are enough rules on what owners and authorities cannot do, but very little emphasis on what must be done to keep these buildings structurally safe.

Over the years, this gap has resulted in neglect. While many buildings continue to retain their grand exterior appearance, their internal condition may be dangerously weak. With heavy rains and age taking a toll, the risk is no longer theoretical.

This is not about blaming any one department or authority. It is about addressing a systemic problem before lives are lost.

Several measures can still help prevent further deterioration and danger:

1. Instead of waiting for visible signs of collapse, all heritage structures should undergo professional inspections. Experts must classify buildings based on their structural condition and identify those requiring urgent repairs or intervention.

2. Buildings requiring immediate structural repairs should not be trapped in lengthy approval procedures. When public safety is at stake, repair permissions must be processed quickly.

3. Structures that can be restored should be strengthened and preserved. Buildings beyond safe repair may be rebuilt while retaining their heritage façade and architectural character, but with modern safety standards. Preserving lives must remain the priority.

4. Heritage conservation cannot survive on regulations alone. Continuous monitoring, dedicated funding and clear accountability for maintenance are essential. Without periodic upkeep, even strong structures will eventually weaken.

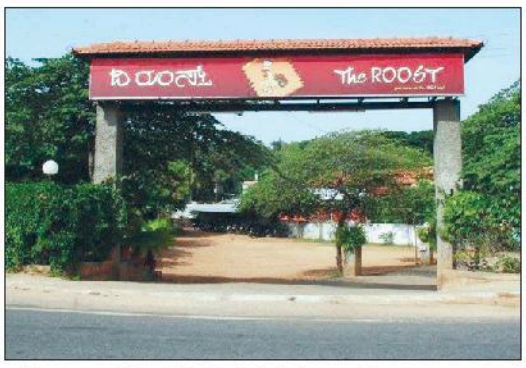
Heritage should never become a burden or a danger to the public. Mysuru does not have to choose between preserving history and ensuring safety. Both are possible, but only through timely decisions, practical policies and sustained commitment.

A recent example is the century-old Dr. Radhakrishnan's Bungalow in Saraswathipuram, where a portion of the left side and portico collapsed last week due to years of poor maintenance, while the building remained locked under the care of the University of Mysore. Fortunately, the PES Group has now taken up its restoration and maintenance.

—Dr. G. Rathnakar

Mysuru 26.5.2026

'The Roost' closes tonight after 30 years



Mysuru, May 31 (BCT)- The curtains will come down tonight on 'The Roost', the popular garden restaurant and hotel on Hunsur Road at Hinkal that has been part of Mysuru's social landscape for nearly three decades.

The establishment will serve its last customers on May 31, marking the end of a 30-year journey that has left behind countless memories for patrons.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Founder Konganda Dilip Biddappa said, the closure follows the expiry of the property's long-term lease. The restaurant was established on Jan. 19, 1996, on a 30-year lease, which was later extended by three years. "With no further extension possible, I have to vacate the premises," Dilip said.

Dilip

He described the parting as an amicable arrangement, a "golden handshake" with the property owners, but admitted that leaving was emotional.

"We are leaving with a heavy heart. When I took over this place, it was just a jowar field. Every plant on this one-acre property was planted by us," he recalled.

Over the years, 'The Roost' grew from a modest eatery into a well-known landmark, particularly popular for hosting Kodava community gatherings, family functions and social events. Besides its sprawling garden restaurant, the property also featured 12 guest rooms.

Dilip attributed much of the restaurant's longevity to the support of his staff and patrons. "I have been fortunate to have a wonderful team and loyal customers who have stood by me for decades," he said.

Though 'The Roost' will cease operations, Dilip said, the brand itself will live on. The property is set to be taken over by the landowners and reopened under new management. "I am retaining the brand name if I start a new venture in the future," he said.

Madikeri Palace declared as protected monument

Madikeri, May 31 (VNS)- Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat announced that the Madikeri Palace had been declared as a protected monument under The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

The announcement comes following the efforts of Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar.

In his letter, Union Minister Shekhawat has said that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) had been exploring various options for renovation of the Palace.

The authorities are proposing to add interpretive facilities, digital exhibits to showcase Kodagu's rich culture along with upgrading facilities to the tourists.

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar had on Mar. 18, 2025, written a detailed letter to the Central Government requesting to setup a museum along with declaring the Palace as a 'Protected Monument.'

Meanwhile, Yaduveer, expressing his happiness on the long-pending request being fulfilled, said that along with developing Madikeri Palace as a major heritage and tourist destination, he was also committed to provide educational opportunities for the students visiting the Palace in the future.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **MRS. ASIYA BEGUM**, wife of Late K. Mohamed Iqbal Shariff @ Iqbal Shariff, is desirous to sell the under mentioned property to my client/s and any person or persons claiming any interest on the uncer mentioned property or any part thereof, is hereby required to communicate the same to me with documentary evidence at my office, situated at **DOOR No.2765/1A D13/A1, "KEYANS", 5TH MAIN ROAD, V.V. PURAM (V.V. MOHALLA), MYSORE – 570 002,** within 10 (Ten) days from the date of this publication, as otherwise the said sale will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes.

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Place: Mysore

Shuka Vana at Ganapathy Ashram to close temporarily from tomorrow

Mysuru, May 31- The Shuka Vana, a specialised rehabilitation centre for parrots located at the Avadhoota Datta Peetham (Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram) in Mysuru, will temporarily close its doors to the public from tomorrow (June 1).

According to an official press announcement issued by the Ashram administration, the temporary closure is required to facilitate extensive developmental and upgrade works within the aviary premises. The facility will remain closed until further notice.

Only Shuka Vana will be closed during this period. The adjacent Vishwam Museum and the Bonsai Garden will continue to remain open for visitors as usual, the press release added.

NEWS BRIEFS

Competitions for students

As part of Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti celebrations, the Kannada and Culture Department, District Administration, Mysuru City Corporation and Mysuru Rajarshi Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayantyotsava Samiti, have jointly organised the following competitions at Kalamandira in city on June 4 from 8.30 am: State-level Drawing / Painting Competition for 6-13 years and 14-18 years; Written Quiz with Multiple Choice Answers for students studying Class 8 to 12; Fancy Dress Competition for students of Class 1 to 7.

Entries invited for Pratibha Puraskar

City's Halenadu Karnataka Smartha Brahmana Sangha has invited applications from meritorious students belonging to Halenadu Karnataka Smartha Brahmin Community, who have scored more that 85 percent marks in SSLC and PUC (2025-26), for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. The last date for applying is June 21. For registration and details, call Mob: 94490-77168 or 94487-89015 or 91416-37888.

Ex-ZP member S. Madegowda returns to JD(S) from Congress

Mysuru, May 31 (BLU&DM)- Former Zilla Panchayat (ZP) member S. Madegowda and his wife former Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, rejoined JD(S) at a convention organised at a Kalyana Mantap on the city outskirts yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, State JD(S) Working President S.R. Mahesh said that the main objective of the party leaders and workers is to bring BJP-JD(S) coalition Government in the State.

Maintaining that there is no individual leadership in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment, Mahesh said that the party is being organised under the guidance of Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.

Asserting that the JD(S) has launched a Statewide organisational campaign under the leadership of H.D. Deve Gowda and H.D. Kumaraswamy, he said Madegowda, who was with the JD(S) for many years, has now returned to his parent party after a brief stint in the Congress.

Contending that Madegowda and his wife Rukmini have returned to the JD(S) unconditionally, Mahesh said that the followers of Madegowda too have joined the party in large numbers, which gives a boost to the party's organisational efforts in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment.

S. Madegowda, who also spoke, claimed that the JD(S) would win a good number of seats in the 2028 Assembly polls.

Recalling his association with the party since his younger days, Madegowda said he left the party under some circumstances and now he is happy to return to his parent party. Many of his supporters too have left the Congress to join the JD(S) he added.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda, former Zilla Panchayat members C.J. Dwarakish and Amith, City JD(S) President SBM Manju, party leaders Belawadi Shivamurthy, Santosh, Somashekar and others were present.

Former ZP member S. Madegowda and his wife former Mayor Rukmini Madegowda were re-inducted into the JD(S) in the presence of State JD(S) Working President S.R. Mahesh during a convention held at a Kalyana Mantap on the outskirts of city yesterday.

Bid to smuggle SIM card for undertrial

Woman, relative sent to jail

Mysuru, May 31 (GA&KS)- A woman and a relative of an undertrial have been sent to jail after they were caught smuggling SIM cards among clothes to be given to an undertrial.

Those arrested are Nasreen Taj, mother of Mohammed Rihan, the undertrial and Farheen Taj, a relative of Nasreen.

Mohammed Rihan is an accused in a murder case and an undertrial lodged at the Mysuru Central Prison.

On May 27 at about 7.40 pm, Nasreen and Farheen, who were carrying a bag containing clothes, came to Mysuru Central Prison to meet Rihan and give him the bag.

When woman Police staff Jyothi and Roopa checked the bag using a scanner, they found something resembling a SIM car hidden among the clothes. They then asked Head Constable Prathap to check the bag physically.

When Prathap checked the clothes inside the bag, he found two Airtel SIM cards hidden in the pocket of a light blue coloured jeans pant.

As SIM card is one of the banned items in the prison as per the Prison Amendment Act, a complaint in this regard was lodged at Mandi Police Station against undertrial Mohammed Rihan, his mother Nasreen Taj and relative Farheen Taj.

Mandi Police, who received the complaint, registered a FIR and Nasreen and Farheen have been sent to jail.

Attempt to fell sandalwood tree in school premises

Mysuru, May 31 (GA&TRR)- An attempt to cut a sandalwood tree in Lions Sevaniketan School premises at Gokulam has been reported in VV Puram Police limits.

It is said that thieves tried to fell a sandalwood tree at about 1.30 am on May 28. On hearing sounds, the school's security guard rushed to the spot and the thieves fled on seeing him. The security guard then informed the school administrative board, who reached the school and found the sandalwood tree was cut.

The school authorities immediately lodged a complaint at VV Puram Police Station.

Leaders accuse S.R. Mahesh of dividing JD(S) in Chamundeshwari

JD(S) leaders, who are supporters of Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, addressing a hurriedly called press meet at a private hotel in city yesterday.

Mysuru, May 31 (PM&DM)- Expressing severe opposition for the re-induction of Congress leader and former ZP member S. Madegowda and his wife Rukmini Madegowda into the JD(S) fold, JD(S) leaders of Chamundeshwari Assembly segment have accused State JD(S) Working President S.R. Mahesh of attempting to divide the party in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment.

Addressing a press meet at a private hotel here yesterday, the JD(S) leaders maintained that the re-induction of Madegowda and his wife Rukmini, a former Mysuru Mayor, was a first step to break the party in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment.

Former APMC President Kotehundi Mahadevaswamy said that Mahesh has re-inducted Madegowda into the JD(S) fold despite opposition from Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.

Former Taluk Panchayat (TP) member Udbur Mahadevaswamy questioned Mahesh's special interest and interference in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment. Contending that they have been working for the party for several years, he took strong exception to Mahesh's meddling in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment.

TAPCMS Director Bogadi Chandrashekar asserted that Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda was mainly responsible for the grand success of the party's *Janarondige Janata Dal* campaign held in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment recently.

Pointing out that the party leadership knows who is responding to the plight of people in this Assembly segment, he accused S.R. Mahesh of acting against the wishes of the party workers. Asking Mahesh not to weaken JD(S) in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment, a stronghold of the party, Chandrashekar warned Mahesh against continuing his efforts to divide the party.

JD(S) leaders Lorry Somanna, Bogadi Anand, Hootagalli Suresh, Basavanna and others were present.

The Last... Khedda Operation...

By A.C. Lakshmana, IFS (Retd.)

As a recent death during an elephant fight was reported in the media, I couldn't help but recall my own adventures with these massive and amazing creatures during the last *Khedda* in Karnataka.

Khedda is the coming together of courage, strategy and intuition to capture the wild elephants. In this operation, tamed elephants are used to herd the wild elephants into an enclosure.

In the early 1900s, wild elephants had to be captured to manage the man-animal conflict in Chamarajanagar. But soon it ended with 'conservation' taking centre stage rather than 'managing' the conflict.

When the Karnataka Government decided to construct the Kabini Dam, it also decided to conduct the last *Khedda* Operation in 1971. While it was considered a 'management' operation, *Khedda* was also a show for the VIP's!

So, preparations started a year earlier in 1970 itself, with thousands of labourers roped in to clear the forest view lines for *Khedda* and visitors' galleries were built for VIPs to view the operation.

I, like a few others, joined operations for the last three months. We were housed in two rows of tents in front of the famous bandstand at Karapura near Mastigudi in Nagarahole Forests, now a Tiger Reserve.

My classmate Yellappa Reddy and I shared a tent, and the regular camp cook was in charge of food and other facilities. We, 'Elephant Warriors', as we were called, were given a specific tamed elephant along with its Mahout and Kavadi.

The tusker allotted to me was Abhimanyu, a beautiful pachyderm full of grace, power and courage. Abhimanyu was intelligent and a keen observer. More importantly, he perfectly followed his Mahout's commands.

The day of operation

On the said day, *Khedda* Officer B. Balaiah and Senior Officer D.G. Wesley gave instructions to move with our elephant army to our positions. The foot soldiers, along with guards, tribal and villagers, would surround the wild elephants and chase them towards us.

Experienced men were posted on tree tops to count the number of wild elephants in the group, while we drove them. These wild elephants were to be driven from one 'block' to another 'block' at a time, while ensuring that they were surrounded by tamed elephants to ensure there were no gaps for elephants to escape.

On that day, we could not do much as we were unable to move enough elephants into the next block. Wesley, Balaiah and other officers decided to call it a day and try the next.

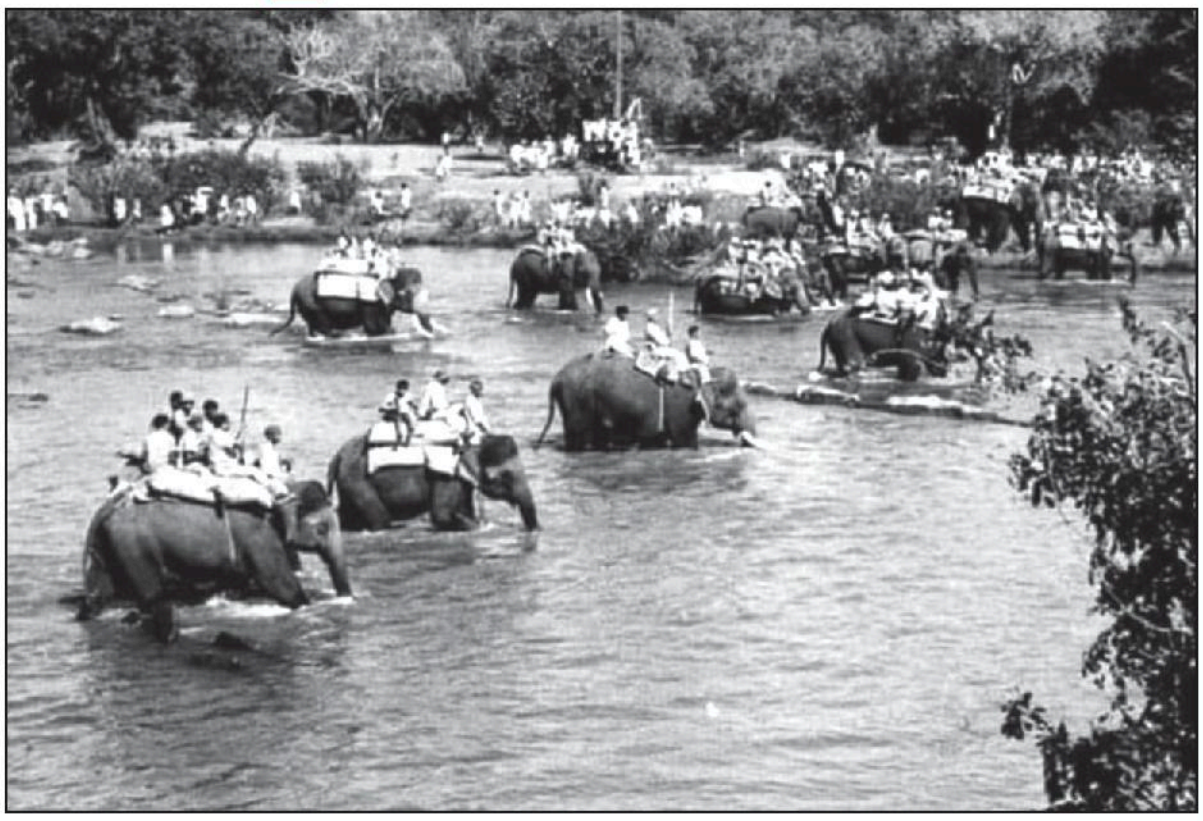
The next two days were met with failure again.

As we got ready for the final *Khedda* Operation on the fixed date, visitors and VIPs poured in. We drove the wild elephants to the Kabini River and forced them to move upwards in front of the visitors' gallery.

Wesley was riding a huge tusker and Balaiah was riding Rajendra, who was in musth. I, along with a few colleagues, was making sure one female elephant was between two male elephants.

Sudden commotion

While crossing midstream, a wild tusker broke free from the main herd and ran towards the visitors and a few more wild elephants followed him, triggering commotion among the visitors.



THE LAST KHEDDA OPERATION IN 1971: ***The third elephant rider A.C. Lakshmana was then the DFO at Koppa.***

To add to this commotion, some staff decided to shoot at the wild elephants with no regard for the safety of the entire team.

We, who were perched up on our tamed elephants, ducked low enough to hug our elephants in order not to get shot. We shouted at them to stop shooting as we heard and felt bullets flying over our heads and lodging in the tree branches.

A few tamed elephants led by some colleagues and Mahouts managed to drive the wild group back to the river. A disaster was avoided.

As we approached the gates of the enclosure, the wild elephants were suspicious and started resisting our drive. The entry point to the gates was so narrow that all our elephants could not push the wild animals into the enclosure.

Unfortunately, at the gates, a female was left behind and unknowingly, my tusker, Abhimanyu, who was pushing the wild elephants to the enclosure, came close to the other tamed tusker, Rajendra. Rajendra was furious to see Abhimanyu and within a split second, he changed his direction and began charging at Abhimanyu.

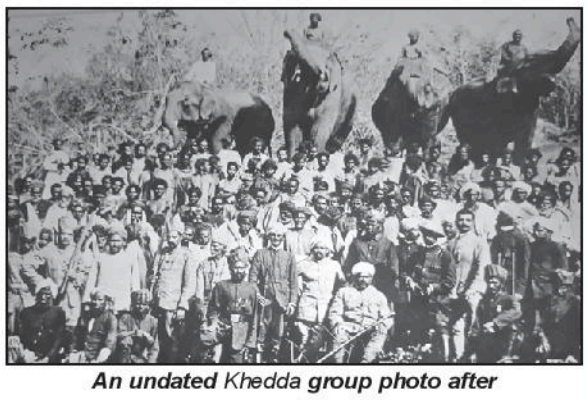
Abhimanyu, unable to withstand Rajendra's blows, gave a shrill, high-pitched trumpet signalling distress and bolted into the Kabini river with the Mahout on top and me.

I was holding on to both my gun and life, hoping all the years of riding practice on elephant back would keep me atop this giant. After holding on to my position, I turned back to see if my Kavadi, who was sitting behind me, was okay. Behold. He was missing.

On bending a little further to one side, I could see Kavadi's hands holding on to the ropes while his body was dangling. Eventually, Abhimanyu came under control and his pace slowed. I put my gun down and stretched one hand to my Kavadi, who slowly pulled himself up and settled down behind me.

All efforts to turn around Abhimanyu went in vain as he refused to turn back towards the gate.

I knew then that *Khedda* would not succeed if we did not join the operation. I promised him (Kavadi) that Rajendra would be withdrawn and we would then complete the mission. He agreed.



An undated** Khedda **group photo after successful capturing.

Convincing tactics

Then I witnessed something amazing. My Kavadi got down from Abhimanyu and spoke to him in his own language, like he was trying to convince this beautiful creature to turn back and complete the task. After some time, Abhimanyu turned around and followed his master towards *Khedda* like a pet dog.

After walking for a while, my Kavadi climbed back on Abhimanyu, the tusker Rajendra was removed from the operation and we succeeded in putting the wild elephants into the enclosure.

As the last wild elephant was pushed into the enclosure and the doors were shut, a loud cry went out from all of us spontaneously. We all shouted 'Mastiyamma ki jai', 'Mysore Maharajaki jai', 'Wesley and Balaiah ki jai'. The 'jayakaras' filled the air.

Forest Minister B. Rachaiah shared his joy by throwing a 'badakhana' at Karapura main bungalow, where everything flowed, ending a great era of *Khedda*.

The last *Khedda* was also a reminder that while elephants look and move gracefully, like kind giants, we should not forget that they are very powerful creatures and you need to give them respect, and the best way to do it is by keeping our distance and admiring from afar their magnificence.

Eighty-eight-year-old A.C. Lakshmana retired as Secretary to the Government of Karnataka and was also the Advisor to two Bamboo Mission Committees.

Prelude to Intl. Day of Yoga - 2026

Yoga Federation kicks off first mega event at Palace

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar (third from left) releasing the International Day of Yoga – 2026 poster during the Mahasankalp Divas celebrations at Mysore Palace this morning. Seen in the picture are (from left) Mysore Yoga Association Secretary Ananthu, Shri Pathanjali Yoga Shikshana Samiti (SPYSS) Founder G. Nanjundaswamy, Yoga Federation of Mysuru President Srihari Dwarkanath, Mysore Yoga Okkuta President Devaraju, Yoga University of the Americas Vice Chancellor Dr. Yogi Devaraj, Yoga Sports Foundation President Dr. P.N. Ganesh Kumar and Yoga Federation of Mysuru Treasurer Shashikumar.

Mysuru, May 31 (MK&VNS)- As a prelude to the 12th International Day of Yoga to be observed on June 21, the Yoga Federation of Mysuru, in association with several organisations, organised 'Mahasankalp Divas' at the Mysore Palace premises this morning.

The programme began with a prayer and warm-up exercises, followed by the performance of various asanas in accordance with the Department of AYUSH protocol.

Yoga enthusiasts performed a series of asanas, including *Tadasana, Vrikshasana, Padahastasana, Ardha Chakrasana, Trikonasana, Bhadrasana, Vajrasana, Ardha Ustrasana, Ustrasana, Shashankasana, Uttana Mandukasana, Vakrasana, Bhujangasana, Shalabhasana, Setu Bandhasana, Uttanapadasana, Ardha Halasana, Pavanamuktasana* and *Shavasana*. The session concluded with *Kapalabhati, Pranayama* and meditation.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar inaugurated the event by offering floral tributes to the statue of Sage Patanjali. He also released posters for the International Day of Yoga 2026 celebrations. Later, Yoga Federation of Mysuru President Srihari Dwarkanath tied a *Sankalp Sutra* on the MP's wrist.

Addressing the gathering, Yaduveer said the International Day of Yoga should be organised on a much larger scale this year. He expressed satisfaction over the efforts being made to bring together 1.20 lakh Yoga enthusiasts from 120 centres in the city on June 21.

"Yoga has a long history in Mysuru that predates the reign of Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. Mysuru gained global recognition as a centre for Yoga because of the association between Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Yoga guru Tirumalai Krishnamacharya. Our ancestors played a significant role in nurturing and preserving this rich Yoga heritage," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Srihari Dwarkanath recalled Prime Minister Narendra Modi's participation in the International Day of Yoga celebrations held in Mysuru and said efforts would be made to invite him for the 'Fit Mysuru Abhiyan'.

He noted that around 10,000 Yoga enthusiasts had participated in the first International Day of Yoga celebrations in Mysuru, while a record 55,506 participants joined in subsequent years.

"Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, Yoga practitioners continued to take part in the celebrations. This year, apartment associations, educational institutions, mutts and various organisations have joined hands with the federation to mobilise 1.20 lakh participants across 120 centres in the city," he added.

Among those present were Mysore Yogalaya founder Ranganath, Yoga Federation of Mysuru Treasurer Shashikumar, Shri Patanjali Yoga Shikshana Samiti (SPYSS) founder G. Nanjundaswamy, Mysore Yoga Okkuta President Devaraju, Yoga Sports Foundation President Dr. P.N. Ganesh and Mysore Yoga Association Secretary Ananthu.

Yoga enthusiasts performing Uttana Mandukasana.

Rs. 209 cr. unpaid water bills in city

DEFAULTERS

Railway Department	:	Rs.	20,83,66,587
Police Department	:	Rs.	8,52,82,417
Education Department	:	Rs.	3,33,12,804
District Police	:	Rs.	1,38,29,036
Health Department	:	Rs.	1,13,44,542
Social Welfare Department	:	Rs.	87,10,778
Kannada and Culture Department	:	Rs.	73,96,434
Public Works Department	:	Rs.	64,94,614
Prisons Department	:	Rs.	47,26,824
Mysuru Development Authority	:	Rs.	14,46,985
JCO (Junior Commissioned Officer)	:	Rs.	13,84,339
University of Mysore	:	Rs.	22,47,337
Mounted Police	:	Rs.	28,64,463
RTO	:	Rs.	12,11,343
KPTCL	:	Rs.	15,36,572
KMF	:	Rs.	12,85,710
Horticulture Department	:	Rs.	8,20,081
Administrative Training Institute	:	Rs.	8,68,872
Mysuru City Corporation	:	Rs.	5,25,384
Rammanahalli Town Panchayat	:	Rs.	53,69,509
OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS			
Commercial establishments	:	Rs.	13,24,98,203
Households	:	Rs.	1,29,66,65,109
Industries	:	Rs.	5,44,50,614
Under construction buildings	:	Rs.	17,22,60,272

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"Resolving these financial bottlenecks will significantly strengthen our capacity to maintain and improve city's water infrastructure. We are committed to working with all stakeholders to ensure timely solutions in the best interest of Mysuru residents," officials said.

Of the total arrears, Government Departments account for Rs. 41.04 crore, while commercial establishments, residential consumers and industries together owe Rs. 168.13 crore.

Officials warned that continued non-payment would only increase the burden on the civic body, with arrears likely to swell further in the coming months.

Revenue generation

Meanwhile, in a bid to improve revenue generation, MCC has revised water tariffs by 36 per cent with effect from April 1, 2026. The minimum monthly water charge has been increased from Rs. 125 to Rs. 163, while higher tariffs have been imposed on consumption beyond 25,000 litres.

In addition, Underground Drainage (UGD) cess has been raised from 30 per cent to 40 per cent of the water bill, increasing financial burden on consumers.

The revised bills have already been issued to households, businesses and Government offices. However, officials said the huge backlog of pending dues remains a major concern.

Unless special recovery drives are launched and defaulters are compelled to clear their dues, MCC's finances could come under severe pressure, officials cautioned. With arrears continuing to mount even as water charges have been revised upward, Mysuru's water management system faces a critical challenge in balancing revenue and expenditure while sustaining civic infrastructure.

Admission to CMA Course

Mysuru, May 31- The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Mysuru Chapter, has started admission to Foundation, Intermediate and Final Course of CMA for (June 2026 batch) December 2026 term examination.

Eligibility for admission: Foundation Course – Pass in II PUC; Intermediate Course – Pass in Foundation or any Degree; Final Course – Pass in Intermediate Course of CMA. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2331083 or Mob: 97317-89222, according to a press release.

After poll setback, ex-TN CM M.K. Stalin unwinds in Kodagu

Madikeri, May 31 (AG&VNS)- Following a gruelling election campaign and the subsequent setback in the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, DMK President and former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin is on a private three-day visit to Kodagu along with his family.

M.K. Stalin

Stalin, accompanied by his wife Durga Stalin, son and Leader of the Opposition in TN Assembly Udhayanidhi Stalin, daughter Senthamarai, son-in-law V. Sabareesan and grandchildren, arrived in Madikeri on May 29 and has been staying at The Leela Coorg Forest Sanctuary at Modur village.

The family is scheduled to remain at the resort until June 1 and is expected to check out on June 2.

While most family members have stayed within the sprawling 75-acre property, Stalin's son-in-law, V. Sabareesan, was seen playing golf at the Mercara Downs Golf Club along with a friend, identified as Srikanth this morning.

In view of Stalin's visit, the Kodagu Police have tightened security around the resort. Stalin and his family arrived at Mysore Airport on May 29 in a chartered flight before proceeding to Kodagu in two private vehicles.

The visit comes in the aftermath of the recently concluded Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, in which the DMK suffered a major setback. Actor-turned-politician C. Joseph Vijay-led Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) emerged as the dominant force, eclipsing both the DMK and the AIADMK.

While Udhayanidhi Stalin retained the Chepauk-Thiruvallikeni Assembly Constituency, M.K. Stalin was defeated in the Kolathur Assembly Constituency by TVK candidate V.S. Babu.

M.K. Stalin's son-in-law V. Sabareesan** (extreme right) **seen with** (from left) **Srikanth, his friend and golf coach Krishna at Mercara Downs Golf Club this morning.

Man tries to frame Leopard for murder!

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As Kasuvinahalli and the surrounding areas are known for frequent leopard sightings, he drew fake pug marks in the field to create the impression that Shivarudramma had fallen victim to a wild animal attack.

Police said, the accused deliberately tried to project the disappearance as a case of man-animal conflict and misled both villagers and investigators.

Joined the search operation

After the missing complaint was registered, villagers joined the Police in searching for Shivarudramma. Mahadevappa also participated in the search operation and attempted to strengthen the leopard-attack theory by repeatedly highlighting the presence of leopards in the area.

However, investigators grew suspicious of his conduct and took him into custody for questioning. During interrogation, Mahadevappa confessed to the crime and led the investigating team to the soak pit where he had disposed of the body.

According to the Police, the accused told investigators that he was burdened with heavy debts and had planned the murder to rob Shivarudramma of her gold jewellery and use the proceeds to repay his liabilities.

Police recovered 53 grams of gold jewellery worth over Rs. 7.50 lakh that had been hidden by the accused, Mahadevappa, after the murder.

The body of Shivarudramma was exhumed from the soak pit in the presence of Nanjangud Tahsildar Dr. Smitha Ramu, Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi, Nanjangud Sub-Division Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy.SP) M. Dharmendra and Head Constables Suresh and Raju Gowda.

The body was later shifted to the mortuary of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), Mysuru, for post-mortem.

Saligrama Deputy Tahsildar found dead in Hassan lodge

Mysuru, May 31 (AG&BCT)- A Deputy Tahsildar was found dead under mysterious circumstances in a lodge room on B.M. Road in Hassan late last night.

The deceased, believed to have committed suicide, has been identified as Karthamada Thimmaiah (52) and the Police have recovered a four-page purported death note from the room.

Thimmaiah hailed from Thuchamakeri village near Ponnampet in Kodagu district and was serving as Deputy Tahsildar at Saligrama in Mysuru district. He had previously served in Hassan about three years ago.

At the time of his death, he was residing with his family at Dyavamma Layout in Hassan.

On receiving information about the incident, the Police rushed to the lodge and conducted a detailed inspection of the room. The body was shifted to a hospital for post-mortem examination, while the death note and other materials found at the scene were seized for investigation.

Karthamada Thimmaiah

Police have not disclosed the contents of the note, stating that it is being examined as part of the probe. Investigators are also expected to record statements from family members, colleagues and others to ascertain the circumstances that led to the incident.

The sudden death of the Revenue Officer has come as a shock to members of the administrative fraternity and residents who knew him from his earlier tenure in Hassan.

Colleagues described Thimmaiah as an experienced officer who had served in various capacities in the Revenue Department. Further investigation is underway.

Youth watching cricket in park assaulted with beer bottle

Mysuru, May 31 (GA&KS)- A youth, who was watching cricket being played at a park was allegedly assaulted with a beer bottle in N.R. Police limits in city on May 24.

The youth, who was assaulted by two unidentified persons, is Syed Jahid, a resident of AJ Block in N.R. Mohalla.

On May 24, Syed, who had gone to Srirangapatna for catering work, returned home in the afternoon. After freshening up, Syed took his bike and came near Siddartha School in Gandhinagar and saw a few youths playing cricket in the park opposite to the school, stopped the bike and began to watch the game.

While he was watching the game, two unidentified persons, who were reportedly consuming liquor came near him and one of them asked him where his house was. When Syed was answering him, one of the unidentified persons tried to smash an empty beer bottle on his head. As Syed blocked it with his hand, the bottle hit his right hand causing injury. The two unidentified persons then fled from the spot.

Syed went home and his mother who saw him bleeding took him to a private hospital and got him treated.

Based on the complaint from Syed, N.R. Police, who have registered a case are investigating.

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Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Some musings on passing MBBS, unhurriedly!

A small news item buried deep inside my newspaper caught my eye today. It said that the **National Medical Commission (NMC),** the body that governs and regulates medical education in our country, has decided to bring in a rule that restricts the maximum time allowed for an undergraduate medical student to complete the MBBS course, to ten years.

This time frame is supposed to also include the mandatory internship of one-year duration, that comes after passing the final year examination. There is a further stipulation that the first year of the MBBS course should be completed within a maximum period of four years.

Now, for those who do not know the background of this high-powered regulating body, let me remind you that the **NMC** is just a reincarnation with a new name, of the once infamous **Medical Council of India (MCI),** which until its existence, was known for the highest levels of corruption in granting recognition to medical colleges across the country and also in fixing their intake of students.

It was the same body whose one chief was caught by the CBI while taking a bribe of two crore rupees, to grant recognition to a medical college which did not have the infrastructure necessary to get it.

A further search is said to have revealed that the bed the man was sleeping on had 300 gold bars, worth crores of rupees, hidden in it! **This became a national scandal, albeit momentarily, not unlike the one caused recently by the leakage of the NEET question papers, which also will most certainly fade from public memory, like the many much bigger scandals, across our country.**

Most of you may feel that the latest move of the NMC to fix the maximum time limit to pass MBBS, is a step in the right direction because the first question that comes to your mind is **'of what earthly use will a doctor be, if he or she has not been able to complete the most basic medical course of five years, in double that time?'**

But there are some seemingly unearthly truths that I have seen, both as a medical student and a teacher in a medical college, which I would like to share with you. It is unwise to think that all students who take their own sweet time to emerge as doctors from medical colleges are unwise. They may not have been very good as medical students, but I have seen dozens of such slow learners who have outdone their academically brilliant classmates and become very successful billionaires.

While a few have done this after dropping out of medical college and pursuing other professional fields, a good many of those who took years and years to acquire their degrees, have become phenomenally successful practitioners, right in the medical field.

As a medical student, I have sailed past many collegemates who had been there for more than ten years and who finally completed their courses only many years after I did.

While only some of them seemed a little bashful about the way they were going about passing their exams only after repeated attempts, most of them were completely at ease. So much at ease, that they were proud that they had acquired the status of being the dons of their colleges and hostels, to whom their juniors turned to for advice, guidance and even protection.

They never were in a hurry to complete their studies and become doctors within the stipulated time frame and many of them even used to do many other kinds of businesses, including share market trading and even money lending.

Among those who took years to pass are some who now own high end hotels, transport networks, super-speciality hospitals and even medical colleges. A few have gone into politics and have even become Ministers, wielding much power, influence and wealth. And, all of them have done this without ever turning back to look what they once pursued and left behind.

I had a senior in my school days who entered medical college three full years before I did and who was still there in the final year, three years after I completed the course and was a final year post-graduate student doing my MD.

One day it so happened that my professor who was to take a class for their batch felt a little unwell and asked me to do it instead. After I entered the classroom and was waiting for all the students to settle down, this seasoned senior emerged from the last bench and with a benign smile handed me a small slip of folded paper. When I opened it and saw the message, it said, **"Bloody fool, I am here in your class only because of attendance shortage. Now don't try to show off your smartness or embarrass me by asking me any questions here."**

I complied with his silent request and felt happy when he finally passed his MBBS and became a doctor, a good three years later. Today he is a very successful and much sought after doctor abroad, earning millions and thankfully doing much philanthropic work, both there and here in our country. **Now, how's that for one shining example of success in the slow lane!**

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And, why the hurry in this lane?

Citizens may recall that an already wide enough road was widened a year ago, by felling forty fully grown roadside trees, clandestinely, in the cover of darkness, And, this was done after spending crores of rupees, purportedly to smoothen the flow of traffic, that, as we all know, was not at all heavy there.

Today, a tight bottleneck, that slows down traffic to a snail's pace, has been created on the very same road, by placing barricades, as you can see from the picture I have taken.

Does it make sense? If this is how we do our city planning, can I ask what the need was, to hurry with the senseless tree cutting? **Does someone in power have an answer to these simple questions?**

Pulse Polio

campaign in district from June 28

Mysuru, May 31- "The Pulse Polio Campaign will be held from June 28 to July 1 in the district and the authorities should ensure that no children aged 0-5 years are left out of the drive," said Distinct Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy.

He was speaking after presiding over the District Task Force Co-ordination Committee of National Pulse Polio Campaign at the ZP Hall here recently.

Pointing out that as many as 1,641 booths across the district will be set up for the campaign, he said parents should bring their children aged 0-5 years to the booths on June 28 for getting the polio drops administered, regardless of whether they have been immunised previously.

"The Health Department staff will launch a door-to door drive for administering polio drops from June 29 to July 1. The staff should ensure that no child is left out of the campaign," he noted.

Continuing, the DHO said that as many as 7,78,059 houses and 2,19,521 children aged 0-5 years have been identified in the district for administration of Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV).

Noting that 1,641 booths will be set up in the district for administering OPV, he said that as many as 6,772 vaccinators and 328 supervisors will be deputed for the purpose. A total of 1,396 high risk areas have been identified, including the places where construction workers, brick factory workers and migrant workers live. Also, 51 mobile teams have been formed to carry out OPV drive. The officials should focus more on high risk areas.

Polio-free nation

Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Officer Dr. Mohammed Siraj Ahmed, who also addressed the meeting, said that the last polio case was reported in the country in 2011.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) too declared India as a Polio-free nation. However, as polio cases have been reported from neighbouring countries such as Pakistan and Afghanistan, India, as a precautionary measure, has continued its Pulse Polio Campaign, which is a massive nationwide immunisation programme launched by Union Govt. in 1995 to completely eliminate polio, he said.

Transit booths

"Transit booths will be set up at Palace, Zoo, Chamundi Hill and other prominent tourist spots in city on June 28," he added.

Health Department Officers Dr. Gopinath, Dr. Nagaraj, Dr. Brinda, Dr. Suvarna, Dr. Ravikumar, Dr. Eshwar, Dr. Puttathayamma and others were present.

Confer 'Karnataka Rathna' award on S.M. Krishna: Seer

S.M. Krishna

Maddur, May 31 (VNS)- State Government must confer Karnataka Rathna award posthumously to late former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna in recognition of his services to State, said Vishwa Vokkaligara Mutt Seer Dr. Nischalanandanatha Swamiji, here on Thursday.

He was speaking after inaugurating 94th birth anniversary celebrations of S.M. Krishna and S.M. Krishna Adalitha Sri Seva Rathna Award and releasing the book 'Maddur Talukina Janaprathinidhigalu Haagu Shikshana Ondu Munnota' jointly organised by Chunchasri Gelayara Balaga, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Vokkaligara Sangha, Nagarika Vedike and Town Club at Government College for Women premises.

"Former CM S.M. Krishna's achievements are known at the national and international level. The elected representatives of Maddur must exert pressure on Chief Minister and State Government to confer 'Karnataka Rathna' award on late S.M. Krishna during the month of November," said Swamiji.

Earlier, floral tributes were offered to the portrait of S.M. Krishna. Following this, Maddur MLA K.M. Uday was presented with S.M. Krishna Adalitha Sri Seva Rathna Award by MLC Dinesh Gooligowda and other dignitaries.

Receiving the award, MLA Uday said, "If S.M. Krishna, had the opportunity to become the Prime Minister, he would have enhanced the respect of the country and planned for a better future ensuring India became a developed country."

"S.M. Krishna despite facing several challenges during his tenure such as Cauvery water dispute, kidnapping of thespian actor Dr. Rajkumar by forest brigand Veerappan, drought among others during his tenure as Chief Minister handled the situation without fear," he added.

Speaking on the occasion, MLC Dinesh Gooligowda remembered the contributions of S.M. Krishna, especially in introducing various development programmes and making Bengaluru a Silicon City.

The book 'Maddur Talukina Janaprathinidhigalu Haagu Shikshana Ondu Munnota' authored by Dr. B. Jayaprakash Gowda was released on the occasion.

ManMUL former President Kadalur Ramakrishna, ZP former President Suresh Kanti, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Vokkaligara Sangha President V.T. Ravikumar and writer Tailuru Venkatakrishna were present.

Books handed over for proposed Flybrary at Mysore Airport

Rotary Club of Mysore West President M. Devaraju handing over books to Mysore Airport Director P.V. Usha Kumari for proposed Flybrary at Mysore Airport, during a programme held at the Airport on Friday.

Mysuru, May 31- A book handover programme for the proposed Flybrary at Mysore Airport was held on Friday at the Community Hall of Mysore Airport in Mandakalli.

The initiative is a collaborative effort between Mysore Airport and Rotary Club of Mysore West aimed at promoting reading among air travellers.

During the programme, a collection of books was formally handed over by representatives of Rotary Club of Mysore West for the establishment of the proposed Flybrary, which is planned to be set up in the Security Holding Area of the Airport at a later date.

Mysore Airport Director P.V. Usha Kumari, Rotary Club of Mysore West President M. Devaraju and Hon. Secretary B.M. Rudresha, along with Airport officials, other stakeholders and members of the Rotary Club were present.

Speaking on the occasion, the participants highlighted the importance of encouraging reading habits and creating a more enriching experience for passengers. The proposed Flybrary is expected to provide travellers with access to a variety of books while waiting for their flights, thereby enhancing passenger engagement at the Airport.

Mysore Airport authorities appreciated Rotary Club of Mysore West for its valuable contributions and support towards this initiative.

DIET upgradation: MLC thanks Union Minister and MP

Mysuru, May 31 (GA&DM)- MLC K.Vivekananda has thanked Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Minister for School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa for granting funds for upgradation of DIETs (District Institute of Education and Training) at Mysuru and Mandya.

In a letter, Vivekananda said that the Union Government's DIET of Excellence Project Approval Board (PAB) has selected 6 DIETs of the state, including the ones at Mysuru and Mandya for upgradation as Centres of Excellence.

Pointing out that under the initiative, the Union Government will bear 60 percent and the State 40 percent of the cost, Vivekananda said the Mysuru DIET has been sanctioned Rs. 7.56 crore, while Mandya DIET has been sanctioned Rs. 7.12 crore. Subsequently, Rs. 4.38 crore has been released for Mysuru DIET and Rs. 4.03 crore for Mandya DIET, he said for which he was thankful to Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy, MP Yaduveer and Minister for School Education Madhu Bangarappa, the letter said.

Jain community members stage silent protest

Mysuru, May 31 (MK&BS)- Members of various Jain organisations staged a silent protest, at Gandhi Square in the city on Friday, condemning the atrocities being committed against the community and killings in North India.

The protesters said, Jainism is one of the oldest religions, which spread the message of non-violence to the mankind in the world. The community has been practicing the religion and living without harassing anybody and is involved in social and religious activities.

In an accident that occurred in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa town on May 20, Aryika Shri Shrutmati Mataji, Aryika Shri Upashammati Mataji and another Sadhvi, were walking on the roadside, when an unidentified vehicle deliberately hit them, killing the first two sadhvis, while another was left injured in the hit-and-run. Close on the heels of this incident, Jain Munis Acharya Ajit Maharaj and Muni Vijay Maharaj, had a miraculous escape in a similar incident reported at Rajkot in Gujarat. The community is deeply hurt by these incidents, the protesters said, besides warning of launching an intensified protest, if there are any recurrence of such incidents in the future.

President of Digambar Jain Samaj M.R. Sunil Kumar, Vice-President Bharat Raj, Secretary P.S. Lakshmish Babu, Treasurer Jwalendra Kumar, Executive Committee Members A.N. Dharanendran, Chandrashekar Uriga, President of Padmashri Mahila Samaj Nandini Sanjay, Vice-president Jayalalitha, Secretary Suma Dayakar, President of Jain Teertha Kshetra Committee Vinod Bakliwal took part in the protest.

MLA launches slew of works in KR Assembly segment

KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa performing Guddali Puja for a slew of development works in KR Constituency on Friday.

Mysuru, May 31 (DM)- KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa launched a slew of development works in KR Constituency on Friday.

The MLA performed Guddali Puja (ground breaking ceremony) for box drainage construction, road asphalting and other civic works totally costing Rs. 20 crore in MCC wards - 57, 59, 60, 62, 64 and 65. The works are being taken up under Mahatma Gandhi Nagar Vikas Yojana.

Former Corporator Sharadamma Eshwar, BJP leaders Ramesh, Jayaram, Vishweshwaraiah, Nagaraj, Mallaiah, Krishna, Ravi, Pradeep Kumar, Madhusudhan, Deepak, Devarajegowda, Raghavendra, MCC Zone-2 Assistant Commissioner Girish, Zone-3 Assistant Commissioner Sandeep, Development Officers Chetan Babu and Satyamurthy and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Halcyon

Pronunciation: HAL-see-un (adjective).
Meaning: Halcyon is most often used to describe a happy and successful time in the past that is remembered as being better than today. It can also mean "calm, peaceful" or "prosperous, affluent."
Origin: Halcyon has drifted along contentedly in English for centuries, but it hatched from a tumultuous story. According to Greek mythology, Alkyone, daughter of the god of the winds, became so distraught over her husband Ceyx's death at sea that she threw herself into the ocean to join him. The gods were moved by the couple's love, and took pity on them by turning them into halcyon birds, a bird identified with the kingfisher. (Kingfishers are known for plunging into water after prey.) According to the legend, birds built their nests on the sea, which so charmed Alkyone's father that he created a period of unusual calm that lasted until the birds' eggs hatched. When halcyon was first used in English in the 14th century it was as a noun referring to the mythical bird, and later to actual kingfishers as well. Adjective use developed in 16th century and now most often evokes those calm waters: the word typically describes an idyllic time in the past.
Example: "The first half of Alice Winn's bestselling *In Memoriam* is set at Preshute, an English boys' boarding school in early twentieth century. It is here, in idyllic countryside, where the boys discuss poetry and get up to all sorts of high-jinks and japes and where two students, Gaunt and Ellwood, fall in love. Then boys are ejected into the horror and abyss of WWI trenches. When they are reunited, mentally and physically scarred, Preshute is but a dream and their adolescent love, a halcyon place that can only be returned to in memory." — Madeleine Dunnigan, LitHub.com, 16 Jan. 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Halieutics

Study of fishing.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Healthy as a horse

Meaning: Very healthy, in top condition.
Origin: The phrase 'Healthy as a horse' is deemed to have originated at some point in 19th century, although the precise first use is not yet known. There have been two theories put forward to explain how phrase came into being. The first goes back to warfare, since in times past horses were used in the cavalry and for hunting. And to do so, they had to, of course, be in excellent health. The other theory is in relation to a horse's immune system, which are deemed to be very strong, making them resistant to many prevalent diseases, often making them the picture of health. More generally however, horses are known for their strength and stamina, since they've been known to be able to pull heavy carriages full of people and/or goods.

QUOTE BOX

It's hard to lead a cavalry charge if you think you look funny on a horse.

— Adlai E. Stevenson

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

VAD ERS

Answer: Space-invaders.

SUDOKU

2								5
9			2	1		4		
	7	1	6			3		
			3				7	
			5	7	4			
	9				6			
		8			9	1	6	
		3		2	1			8
7								2

Answer to previous puzzle

3	5	2	6	7	9	4	8	1
7	6	4	1	5	8	9	3	2
8	9	1	3	4	2	6	5	7
9	7	3	5	6	1	2	4	8
1	4	8	9	2	3	5	7	6
6	2	5	4	8	7	3	1	9
4	8	6	7	9	5	1	2	3
5	1	7	2	3	6	8	9	4
2	3	9	8	1	4	7	6	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Rajasthan's Mount ___
4 A form of verb "to be"
7 Blood and guts
11 Forty winks
12 Grow old
13 Bridle or constrain
14 Descriptive of a cold room perhaps
17 Wild ox of Celebes
18 Old-fashioned hearing aid (3,7)
20 Reduce or decrease?
22 Glance over
23 Son of Lord Rama and Sita
24 Utopias or heavens
27 Explosions
31 Lead on
33 Puff up
34 An assertion of one's existence, one says it! (1,2)
35 Actor Guinness
37 Protruding teeth
39 Squeezebox
42 Herman Melville's hero Billy ___
43 Got back
46 Japanese sashes
47 Prefix for "dermis" or "center"
48 Dove sound
49 Strange as a prefix
50 Rock group ___ Leppard
51 Tolkien's tree like creature

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	E	T		O	M	S				W	O	N
P	T	A		S	A	T	E		T	A	L	E
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L	E	E	D	S				O	C	T	A	D
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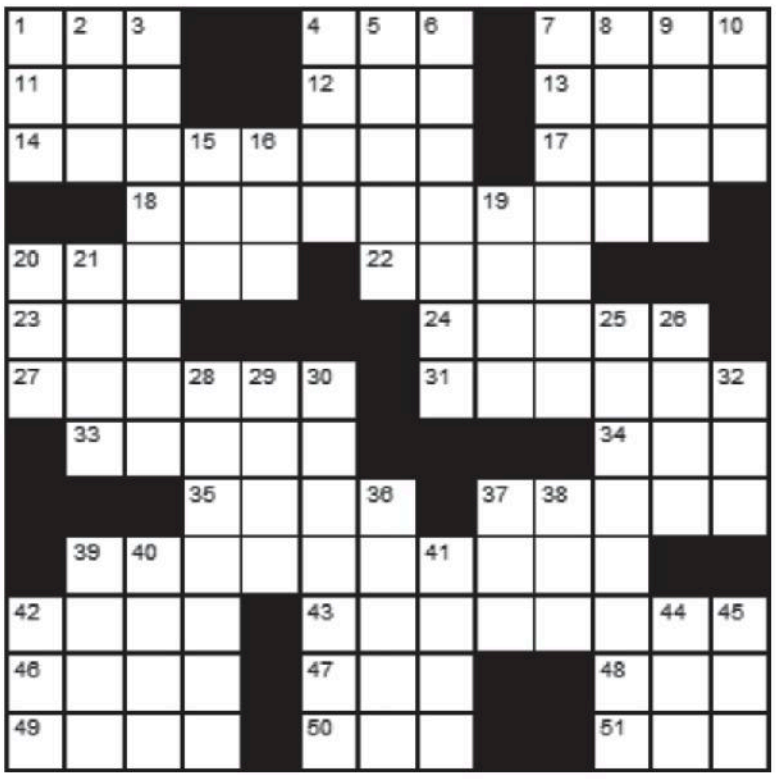
A	H	S		V	I	V	A	V	O	C	E	
			V	E	N	I	S	O	N			
K	O	S	I		C	A	L	L	E	D	U	P
I	N	R	E		E	T	A	T		E	R	R
D	E	C				E	N	S		N	N	E

DOWN

1 Music director Malik
2 Forbid
3 Violent change or disturbance
4 SI unit of power
5 It is their job to bring maturity to wine, beer, etc.
6 Led astray
7 Small anchor
8 Prefix for wine
9 Uprising
10 Girl's name
15 Dine
16 `Were' in the present tense
19 Produced or caused?
20 Long-sleeved linen vestment
21 Incandescent lamp
25 Pest or irritation
26 Mt. Rushmore's state (1,3)
28 Person or thing just not specified (2-3-2)
29 Bathroom powder
30 ___ clear of : took care to avoid?
32 Printing measures
36 Crinkled cloth
37 Aunt in Spanish
38 One as a prefix
39 Raise to third power
40 Chief Norse deity
41 Work-weary exclamation
42 Idiot __-: Television set
44 A long time
45 Decimal point



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZRSWFAU ZFXJ BPGFT EAYSTZK FK GFWT UTXXFAU

JFX RITS XJT JTEY ZFXJ E IEGTAXFAT.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: He who has no opinion of his own, but depends upon the opinion and taste of others, is a slave.

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- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Blast (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  KD (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Kuchuku (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Karuppu (Ta) - 4 Shows
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Drishyam 3 (Ma)	(S-1)	10.05 pm
	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Drishyam 3 (K)	(S-2)	10 am, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	1.05 pm, 4.15 pm
Blast (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1 (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Kattalan (Ma)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Michael (E)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Obsession (E)	(S-3)	7.30 pm
	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Karakkam (Ma)	(S-3)	10 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	(S-4)	10 am, 4 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Karuppu (Ta)	:	1 pm, 6.35 pm, 9 pm
Drishyam 3 (Ma)	:	1.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Drishyam 3 (K)	:	4.10 pm
KD (K)	:	1.20 pm, 6.30 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.25 pm, 4.15 pm, 6.45 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	3.50 pm, 9.25 pm
Kattalan (Ma)	:	4.05 pm, 9.15 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Drishyam 3 (Ma)	:	10.05 am, 1.20 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Chand Mera Dil (H)	:	10.20 am, 7 pm
Passenger (E)	:	10.20 am, 7.50 pm
Kattalan (Ma)	:	10.30 am, 4.15 pm, 10 pm
Kattalan (H)	:	2 pm, 7.35 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.40 am, 1.05 pm, 6.50 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	11.20 am, 1.10 pm, 4.35 pm
Obsession (E)	:	12.30 pm, 5.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Michael (E)	:	1.50 pm
The Great Grand Superhero (H)	:	2.55 pm, 7.50 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	4.25 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	4.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	:	4.35 pm
Khalnayak (1993) (H)	:	9.50 pm
Karakkam (Ma)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Drishyam 3 (Ma)	:	10.05 am, 4 pm, 10.30 pm
Drishyam 3 (K)	:	1.25 pm, 7.15 pm
Kattalan (Ma)	:	10.40 am, 4.25 pm, 10.10 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.45 am, 1.15 pm, 7 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.20 pm
		4.20 pm 7.40 pm
The Great Grand Superhero (H)	:	1.50 pm, 7 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	4.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Gajanana Cricketers Janthottu Since 1983 (Tulu)	:	9.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 31)

- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC):** 72nd International Nirantara Kalemane Festival, Dr. Jai Shree Prasad chief guest; Bharatanatyam by Shwetha Sunil; Kuchipudi dance performance by Dr. Saraswathi and her disciples from Natya Saraswathi Academy, Bengaluru; Kuchipudi dance performance by Vidushi Archana Punyesh and her disciples from Jatin Academy of Dance, Bengaluru, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal, **3 pm.**
- **Swaralaya Sangeetha Samsthe and Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru:** 'Swaralaya Cultural Celebration 2026,' Vidu. Dr. Malati Gopalakrishna inaugurates the event, Vidu. Vani Subbayya chief guest, Swaralaya Founder-President Vidu. Dr. Suma Harinath presides; Workshop on 'Music Healing Therapy' by Vidu. Sudha Krishnan, devotional music recital by Radhavani, accompanied by Vid. C. Chetan on violin and Vid. V. Shyam on mridanga; Staging of play 'Nammura Shaale,' directed by Leelavathi and presented by H.S. Srikanthamani, Secretary of Swaralaya Samsthe, Sahitya Bhavan, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **4 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-292, vocal concert by Vidu. Archana L. Rao, accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin, Vid. Sunil Subramanyam on mridanga and Vid. Rajapuram R. Karthik on khanjira; Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha and T.R. Mahalingam Samsmarana Vedike:** Music Festival in memory of T.R. Mahalingam, conferring of 'Venu Brahma' title and felicitation to senior flautist, Vid. M.K. Pranesh, followed by his flute concert, accompanied by Vid. Achyutha Rao on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Dixit Aarogya Dhaama:** Aananda-Aarogya programme, Karnatak Classical Music by A.G. Punith, accompanied by Shrilatha on violin and Bhuvan Ravishankar on mridanga; Talk on 'Environmental Health - Our Duty' Director Dr. G.S. Anil Kumar, Dixit Aarogya Dhaama, #12, Main Road, C-Block, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Seva Pratishtana:** 'Tingala Tilivu' lecture programme, Bhajans & Vachanaveda Recital, Suprabhata by Gopinath & troupe; Music Programme by Vidu. Bhaskaramurthy & troupe (Srirampura's Ramakrishna Dhyana Kendra), **6 pm;** retd. Professor G. Chandrashekar delivers lecture, Paramahamsa Dhyana Kendra, Ramakrishna Circle Ground Floor, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham - Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** Veena & Violin Ensemble by Vid. Kumaresh Rajagopalan and Jayanthi Kumaresh, Ashram premises, Datta Nagar, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Handi-Mandi' (based on 'Animal Farm' of George Orwell), directed by Shakeel Ahmed, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 1)

- **Bharatiya Prakashana, Mysuru:** Releasing of the book 'Sadhaneya Shikharagalu' (a collection of articles of senior journalist Kudli Gururaj that appeared in 'Vyakti-Vishesha' column of 'Janamithra' newspaper), Karnataka Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti releases the book, journalists K. Shivakumar and Madana Gowda chief guests, journalist S. Prakash Babu speaks about the book, KUWJ President Shivanand Tagadur presides, Kudli Gururaj and Publisher B.N. Srinivas will be present, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **10.30 am.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Kattalan (Ma)	:	10.10 am, 4.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.15 am, 3.40 pm, 10 pm
Drishyam 3 (Ma)	:	10.50 am, 7.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Drishyam 3 (K)	:	11.45 am, 3 pm, 6.15 pm
KD (K)	:	12.45 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	1.25 pm, 10.20 pm
September 21 (K)	:	2.05 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	4.25 pm, 7.30 pm
Gajanana Cricketers Janthottu Since 1983 (Tulu)	:	6.50 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Drishyam 3 (Ma)	:	11.15 am, 2.30 pm
		5.45 pm, 9 pm
Drishyam 3 (K)	:	6.15 pm
Gajendra C/o Doddarasinakere (K)	:	11.55 am
Kattalan (Ma)	:	11.55 am, 2.30 pm
		7.25 pm, 10 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	12.35 pm, 6.45 pm
Gajanana Cricketers Janthottu Since 1983 (Tulu)	:	3.05 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	3.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Karakkam (Ma)	:	5.05 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Course on 'Primary Care Volunteer'

Mysuru, May 31- The Department of Psychiatry, JSS Medical College & Hospital, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, will be commencing the 3rd Batch of the 'Value Added Course on Primary Care Volunteer for Psychiatric Services' from June 6.

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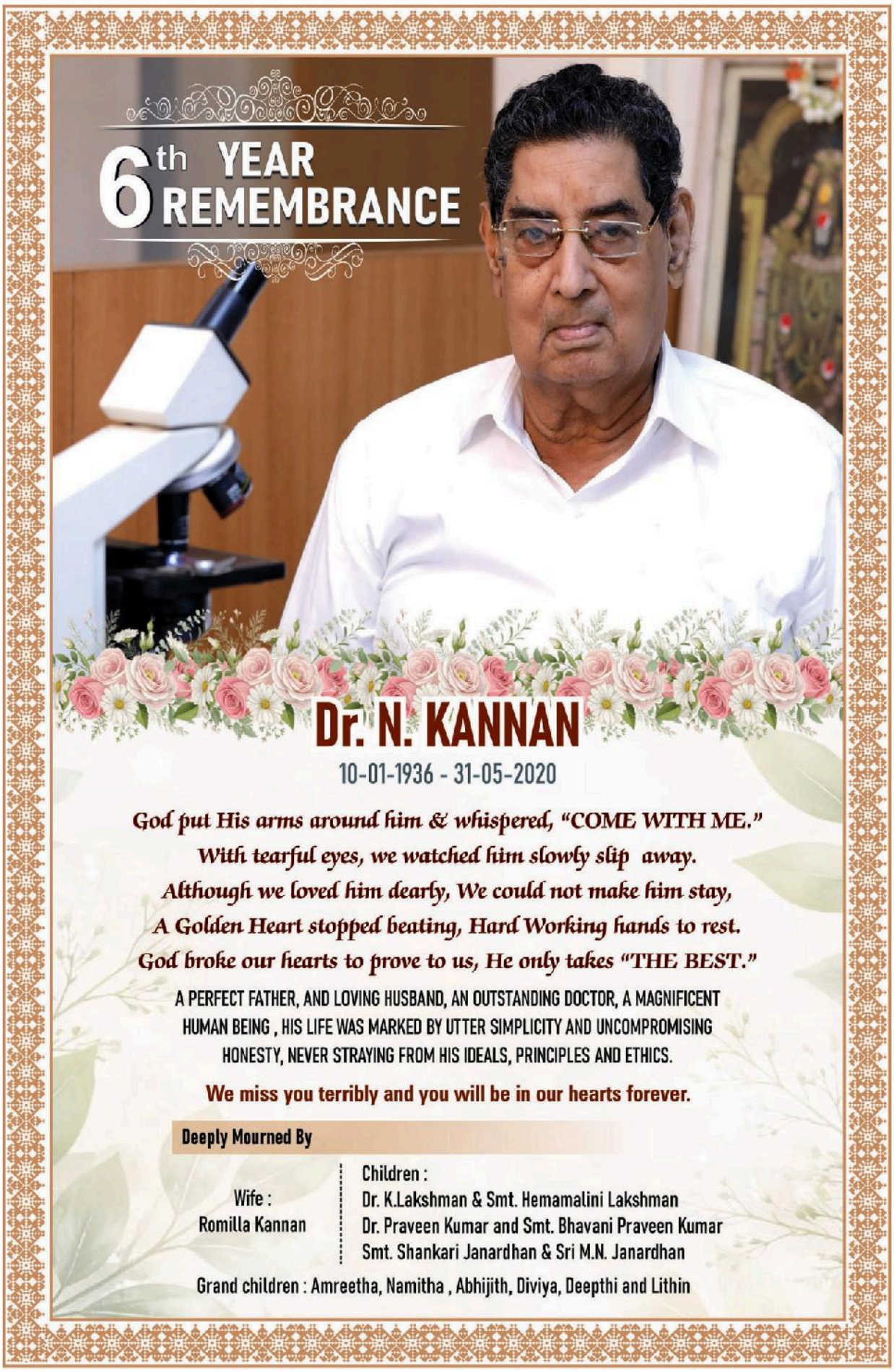

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God put His arms around him & whispered, "COME WITH ME."
With tearful eyes, we watched him slowly slip away.
Although we loved him dearly, We could not make him stay,
A Golden Heart stopped beating, Hard Working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes "THE BEST."

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We miss you terribly and you will be in our hearts forever.

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